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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT TACOMA

9 JOSE VALENCIA-HERNANDEZ,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 MARGARET GILBERT,

13 Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:17-CV-05353-BHS-DWC

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

14 This is a federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has submitted an  
15 application seeking leave to proceed with this action *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner's application  
16 demonstrates that he is unable to afford the \$5.00 filing fee. Petitioner's application to proceed  
17 *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 1) is therefore GRANTED. The Clerk is directed to file petitioner's  
18 petition for writ of habeas corpus without the prepayment of fees. The Clerk is further directed  
19 to send a copy of this Order to petitioner.

20 Dated this 12th day of May, 2017.

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22 David W. Christel  
23 United States Magistrate Judge